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Willamette River cleanup

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It has taken a very long time to finally get this crucial Willamette River cleanup started! That said, I cannot understand how so-called monitored natural recovery could possibly be one of EPA's ideas of "cleanup." If that idea actually worked, the river would be clean by now. Instead, we apparently will sit by while toxic chemicals that will NEVER disappear will simply drift downstream and eventually pollute the Columbia River as well.

As EPA well knows, the Pacific Northwest is overdue for a massive earthquake. This will provide ample opportunity for the debris on the river bottom to migrate, and, if EPA is short-sighted enough to cap the toxic debris within the Willamette River itself and then assume the "cap" will withstand the earthquake without breaking free and recontaminating the river, I believe you are sorely wrong. Since EPA is only going to do this cleanup once (I assume), why not do it right? Yes, it will cost several million dollars more, but all those corporations who helped put the river in the sorry state that it currently enjoys should use some ill-gotten profits to help foot the bill.

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